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1. ALL LEADERS, IN FACT COUNTRY AS A WHOLE, ARE AT MOMENT TOTALLY PREOCCUPIED WITH PARLIAMENTARY VOTE OF CONFIDENCE WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE LATER TODAY. MANEUVERING REMAINS INTENSE AND OUTCOME IS STILL IN DOUBT. I WILL LET FOREIGN MINISTER KNOW THAT I HAVE MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY WHICH I WILL BE GLAD TO DELIVER AT HIS CONVENIENCE. I SUSPECT THAT AFTER THE VOTE, WHICHEVER WAY IT GOES, ALL GOVERNMENT LEADERS WILL WANT TO CATCH THEIR BREATH SO I WILL NOT OVERLY PRESS ON TIMING.

2. IN THE MEANTIME, I SUGGEST THAT THE OPENING SENTENCE BE REWORKED, AND THAT THE PHRASES "DEEPLY DISTRUBED" AND "INEVITABILITY" BE ELIMINATED. I RECOMMEND INSTEAD THAT THIS OPENING PASSAGE READ "I AM CONCERNED BY THE MALAISE WHICH CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY."

3. INTELLIGENCE INDICATORS WE HAVE SEEN RECENTLY SUGGEST A SLIGHT LOWERING OF TENSION IN THE AEGEAN. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT WORDS LIKE "INEVITABILITY" AND "DEEPLY DISTRUBED" SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR A LATER TIME SHOULD

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THEY THEN BE NECESSARY. REMAINING PORTIONS OF PRESENT

MESSAGE WILL CLEARLY MAKE BASIC POINTS WE NEED TO GET ACROSS AT THIS TIME.

4. SINCE DICTATING ABOVE, I HAVE HEARD FROM CAGLAYANGIL, WHO HAS ARRANGED APPOINTMENT FOR 10 A.M., MONDAY, APRIL 14. I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DELIVER THIS MESSAGE, EVEN IF DEMIREL GOVERNMENT FAILS TO GET VOTE OF CONFIDENCE TODAY. LAST MINUTE BETTING IN POLITICAL CIRCLES STILL SLIGHTLY FAVORS AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE. MANY POLITICAL OBSERVERS, HOWEVER, (AND THIS EMBASSY) HAVE RETREATED TO AN OLD DODGE "TOO CLOSE TO CALL."
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